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Oakura Community What's On

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Functional Crosstraining by Nakifit: Saturdays 7.40am. Ph 021 297 5465 or nakifit@gmail.com

Indoor Bowls: Mondays 7.30pm at Oakura Hall. Ring Marvin Clough ph 7527531.

JKA Karate: Tuesdays at Oakura Hall 5.30-6.30pm. Thursdays at Oakura Hall 6.00-7.00pm. Contact Jim Hoskin 752 7337.

Kaitake Athletics club: Meets at Corbett park at 5pm on a Tuesday evenings during term time To register - athletics nz website and search for Kaitake Contact -Tash 0277755440.

Move It or Lose It - fitness classes: Oakura Hall, Wednesdays & Fridays, 9.30am, Contact Gloria 752 7442.

Oakura Bowling and Social Club: Bowling tournaments begin September through to April with both mid-week and weekend games. For information contact Steve Muller on 06 757 4399.

Oakura Meditation Group: - Mondays 7.40am 37a Donnelly St, ph 0272037215, email kate@shineyoga.co.nz

Oakura Playcentre: 14 Donnelly St, Oakura. Sessions run Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 9am-noon during school terms. Visitors welcome. Ph Kate Garner on 021-254 4769.

Oakura Pony Club: Contact Marlies Butland Delfos ph 0274595962.

Oakura Pool Club: Meets every Wednesday evening 7pm at Butlers Reef over winter. Phone Sheree 027 3444 723.

Oakura Yoga: - Shine Yoga Studio, 37a Donnelly St, www.shineyoga.co.nz for days and times, ph 0272037215.

Okato Squash: Club nights on Mondays from 7pm, everyone welcome, phone Darryl Gibson, Ph 06 752 4804.

Omata Playgroup: Meets every Thursday, 9.00am at the Omata Community Hall. Ring 751 2308 for next session date. All parents and pre-schoolers welcome.

Oakura Tennis Club: Thursday 9.15-10.15am Cardio Tennis with Blitz Tennis at Linda Street courts, members and non-members welcome. Contact Club Secretary Jackie Mitchell 027 673 2900.

Pippi's PT and Circuit Training: every week day morning 9.15 -10.15am and Tuesday and Thursday evenings 5.30 - 6.30pm. Teenage crossfit/boxfit sessions on Tues and Thurs 4.15 - 5.15pm. More details call Pip 022 104 1851.

Probus Club: Meets once month at Kaitake Golf Club rooms on the 3rd Friday of every month at 10am - 11.30am. Contact Mike Vickers ph 7527881 or Gwen Jury ph 7527783.

St James Church, Oakura: Morning worship 10.00am, 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month.

St John's Church Omata: Morning worship 10.00am second Sunday of the month.

Val Deakin Dance School: Oakura Hall. Monday afternoons, Pre-school dance classes 3:30 – 4pm. Beginners' Ballet dance class 4 - 4.45pm. Contact Val on 752 7743. Also classes for pre-schoolers to adults in ballet, jazz, tap, modern and ballroom (beginners to advanced) at the Dance Centre in New Plymouth. Phone 7527743 or email val@valdeakindance.org.nz

Volkswagen Club: Regular events range from car rallies, the YMCA climbing wall, camping, BBQ get togethers and sharing good family times and knowledge. Contact President: kirk@taranakivw.co.nz and Secretary: bryan@taranakivw.co.nz Phone **0800 THE TOM** for additions or changes to your listing.



From the Editor

I'm glad we can all relax and take a breather now that the America's Cup has been won by our incredible sailing team - TNZ. None of us wanted to contemplate another Spittal victory! I think I'm most proud of the kiwi ingenuity and grit on display - didn't those boys on bikes pedalling their guts out for 20 minutes of

each race look amazing - probably long enough for the pedallers to have their face stuck in someone else's backside!

As for the All Blacks and nearly the All Barrett's - what an amazing display of sheer dominance, talent and muscle, even if we didn't win all games.



This month we farewell our wonderful rural postie's Laurie and Els Hall. They have sold the R D 4 mail run and are taking a well earned break. I'm not absolutely certain of the dates but I'd hazard a guess that they have been on the road delivering our mail for at least 20 years.

I have always found them both to be very helpful and obliging and it was always informative to have a yarn with Laurie - he would have some story or other on how to set the world to rights especially local politics or the inner workings of the rural postal service! We thank you both and your team for providing such a great service to us rural folks - you deserve a well earned rest and sleep in or two if you can reprogramme your bodies not to get out of bed at 4am!

Kim



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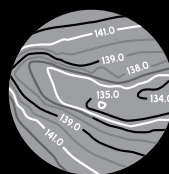
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Polytropos visit New Plymouth with their fiddle, flute and much more....



Rennie left, on the flute and Oscar with his fiddle on the right

Young Wellington musicians Oscar West and Rennie Pearson join together as the duo Polytropos to share the time honored traditions of Celtic music with New Zealand.

Polytropos is an Ancient Greek word, used in the Odyssey by Homer to describe Odysseus. It means 'many faces' or 'many tricks and turns'. A description that fits the music of multi-instrumentalists Oscar and Rennie.

Played on 18th century wooden flute, fiddle, smallpipes, guitar, low whistles and vocals, this dynamic show will take you on a journey into the musical minds of two very talented musicians.

Both Oscar and Rennie have travelled to the source. Rennie having apprenticed with wooden flute master Chris Norman in Nova Scotia Canada as well as travelling through Ireland, and Oscar having traveled the UK playing music in England, Ireland and also his birthplace Scotland.

From beautiful slow airs and songs, to foot stomping jigs, reels and everything in between this will be a very special evening not to be missed.

Check out their beautiful music online at:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mcfxs7acFn4>

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Oscar Robertson - Oakura and NZ basketball representative

Oakura student Oscar Robertson is off to Guam this week to compete in the FIBA Oceania U17 basketball championship. The U17's will compete against Tahiti, the Marshall Islands and Guam. The team is looking to finish in the top two to secure a spot in the 2018 U18 Asia basketball championship which then leads on to the U19 world championships.

Nine other New Zealand young men as well as Oscar were named in the U18 New Zealand squad to train in Hangzhou, China in June along with NZ head coach Miles Pearce. In total 73 athletes from Australia, China, India, Korea and NZ took part in the camp and Miles Pearce says the quality of talent was amazing. New Zealanders attending:

Cooper Boyce-Towler | Forward | Basketball Manawatu
Iaac Tama Faamausili | Guard | Basketball Manawatu
Tom Higgins | Guard / Forward | Basketball Auckland
James Moors | Forward | Harbour Basketball
Oscar Oswald | Guard | Basketball Manawatu
Kruz Perrott-Hunt | Guard | North Harbour Basketball
Oscar Robertson | Guard | New Plymouth Basketball
Cameron Trethewey | Forward | New Plymouth Basketball
Max de Geest | Guard | Canterbury Basketball
Matthew O'Connell | Guard | New Plymouth Basketball

Oscar missed out on getting into the U16 team in 2015. The ex head boy of Oakura School has stuck at the game he loves and obviously improved his skills and we wish him and the team all the very best for a successful trip.

The Robertsons have set up a givealittle page - if you want to help this talented young basketball player go to www.givealittle.co.nz and search for Oscar Robertson and the page will come up.
Kim Ferens



More police on their way to our regions

The National-led Government is working hard to build a safer New Zealand.

We're putting more police on the beat, which will boost regional police capacity and enable officers to respond faster to call-outs.

As part of our \$503 million Safer Communities package, a total of 880 officers will be deployed across all police districts over the next four years.

Police have announced how 14 new constabulary staff will be allocated throughout the Central Police District over the next 12 months.

The allocation decisions have been made by District Commanders, based on crime patterns and police demand across the region.

This is just the allocation for the first of four years. Central Police District will see a total increase of 67 staff over this time, and allocate the remaining staff over the following three years based on need.

We want to ensure that we send police to areas where they can make the most difference and support existing police operations. Police are best-placed to determine how these additional officers should be deployed, as they understand and experience first-hand the local needs and concerns.

Regional communities, for example, have different challenges to our urban centres. District Commanders have also taken into consideration things like projected population growth, crime patterns, and police demand when allocating staff for the next 12 months.

A number of officers are being allocated to regions with rising crime, and areas of focus that require specialist staff, such as robberies, child abuse, adult sexual assault, and serious crime. This will free up other constables to work on the frontline.

Some staff are being allocated to support a 24 hour police presence. Over the next four years, 20 towns across the country will be upgraded to round-the-clock patrolling police coverage, to meet our target of 95 per cent of New Zealanders within 25km of 24/7 response base.

We've already increased frontline policing by half a million hours a year by investing in new technology, such as iPhones with custom Police apps. That's equivalent to around 354 more Police out and about protecting Kiwi communities.

Our Safer Communities package also sets challenging targets for police, including higher attendance at home burglaries, seizing more assets from organised crime, reducing deaths from family violence, and reducing reoffending by Māori.

The National-led Government is committed to delivering a better police service for our local communities, so that New Zealand is a safer place to live.

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Oakura Library

Plenty of children's programming going on during the school holidays.

On Tuesday 11th July at 10am-10:30am we will be hosting picture book author Adam Millen. He will be using his book "Jack Feels Big" to help teach the children the names of their emotions in English, te reo Maori and sign language. No bookings required. Suitable for 3-7 year olds.

On Wednesday 19th July, from 10am-11am, we will have a story and make decorative animal bookmarks. Bookings essential as spaces are limited. Suitable for 5-10 year olds.

Join us for Crackerjacks on Thursday 20th July at 10am-10:30am. No bookings required.

Early customer surveys are in favour of keeping the library opening hours the way they are. Given that we had to keep the total number of business hours to 30 hours per week, we came up with an option to have the same daily opening hours Monday to Friday 12:30-6pm and Saturdays 9:30-noon. This was in response to customers who find it troublesome remembering our business hours.

If you haven't already please have your say. Thank you.

Charlie and Vincenza



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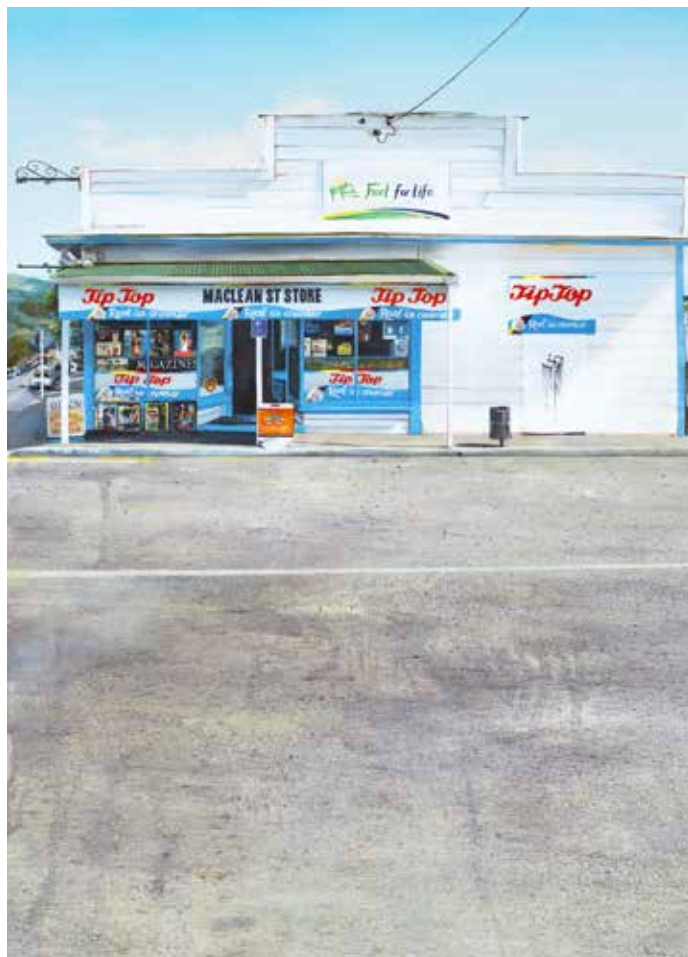
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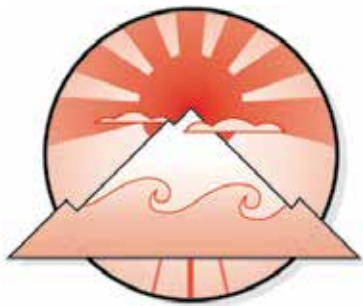
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Artworks below by Maryanne Shearman and Graham Kirk - a sample of the fine art up for auction in September





Oakura School

Des Hunt Author

This term Oakura School had the New Zealand author Des Hunt visit our school. He spoke to all of the students in Year 3 and up, sharing with us how he became an author and how he writes stories.

Des Hunt talked about his life story and personal experiences. He explained his hobbies and his backstory before he became an author. Des taught science at multiple schools around New Zealand before he became an author. One of Des Hunt's first books got turned down by publishing companies seven times, but he persevered, made some changes, and eventually got it published. It was really interesting to hear how he used cool science experiments to show us the process of writing a story.

His inspirational story taught us to never give up and to learn from mistakes. He taught us many life skills and thoroughly explained the perspective of the writer and reader. We are very grateful he made the effort to come to our school and share his very own story with us. All of our students loved this author visit.



The Life Education Classroom

This term, the whole school was given the privilege to board the Life Ed. classroom. The year 7 and 8s focused on developing knowledge on how to make decisions, how to resist peer pressure, about the qualities of a good person and how to consider consequences when making decisions.

Being fit and eating healthily was the focus of the Year 1 & 2s learning. They learnt that eating the right foods for your body and exercising regularly is very important for your wellbeing. This involves eating a balance of natural produce, carbohydrates, meat and drinking plenty of water.

The Yr 3 and 4 students developed their understanding of how to be a safe and responsible citizen online. This involved the T.H.I.N.K acronym standing for True, Helpful, Inspiring, Necessary and Kind. The students need to think about this before sending a comment or photo online. They now all understand the importance of being a respectful digital citizen.

The Yr 5 and 6s learning was focussed on body parts and how they work to keep the body moving. The Yr 5 and 6s learnt that eating the right and wrong foods can affect your body positively and negatively. It is also important to drink a lot of water to keep the body functioning.

Harold the Giraffe also made an appearance to tell us all some jokes and help us to reflect on what we had learnt. All the students, from Year 1 to Year 8, had a great and very enjoyable experience on the Harold Truck. We all loved the company of Meghan and Harold who told us funny jokes, life lessons and gave us great tips for staying healthy. On behalf of Oakura School we would like to thank Meghan for coming in and being so kind to us all.

Year 5 & 6 Interschool Sports Tournament

On the sports side of things, our year 5 and 6 interschool sports teams have made Oakura very proud with their sportsmanship. The netball A team and B team both won their games at Frankley School with A team scoring 17-1 and B team scoring 6-1. Oakura's football team and rugby team both won their games with the football team having a score of 12-1 and the rugby team having a score of 60-17.

When we played against St John Bosco's all of our interschool sports teams won their games and our new chess players also won their games. Congratulations to everyone who played their best and showed Oakura's school values of honesty, respect and perseverance.

Holly Stoddart (age 12), Ella Coates (age 12), Amy Parr (age 12) and Lily Stoddart (age 12)





July

7 Music Assembly
7 Term 2 Ends
24 Term 3 begins
25 Skills for Life begins (5 weeks)

August

1 BOT Meeting
16-17 3D conferences

To complement what has been happening in the classroom, the year 7/8 students recently travelled to Stratford where they visited the ICS Laboratory and walked the Carrington Walkway to observe and draw the different bridge designs. Here is a recount of their trip.

for it was not what they had expected. But their concerns only lasted until we came to the first bridge, a bridge made out of bouncy concrete. Sadly, we bypassed the bridge, instead following the bank down stream, where we walked into a bonfire of reds, oranges, yellows, and all the colours in between. Only a few trees remained unaffected by the arrival of autumn. The next bridge we came to was an arch bridge. We were ravenously hungry after walking for quite a while, so we rested on one of the banks, sketching the bridge in our visual diaries. After a good twenty minutes or so, we were back on the path again, over or under at least seven other bridges before we arrived back at our rendezvous point, the Malone Gates.

Since the laboratory was halfway across Stratford, and we were exhausted from all the walking we had already done, the same cars that took us to Stratford drove us to the laboratory. Once inside, we were given a warm welcome by John Coplestone and then ushered on a tour of the laboratory in groups of five or six. When we were not on the tour, we could look under microscopes at soil samples, flowers, fingers, moss and dead insects, like the fly we found on the windowsill. As we humans are moderately big creatures, seeing the small things of the world close up was quite fascinating.



Soon we had all gone through the tour, all seen through the microscopes, so it was time to be on our way. It was certainly a wonderful day and one to remember.

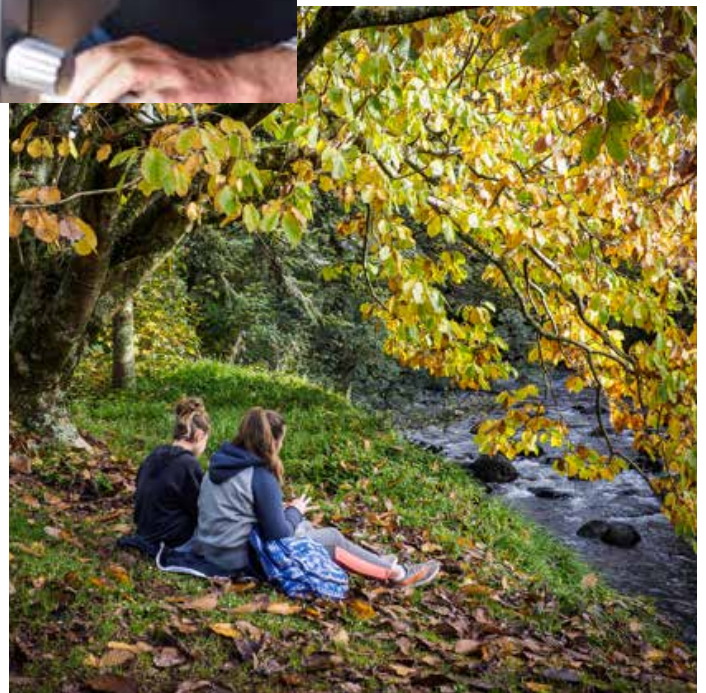
By Madinina Nordin & Jacinta Pattison. (Year 7 Students)

Stratford Trip

For the rest of Omata school, this was just an ordinary day, but not for Room 6. The classroom was packed with children, bags, and parents who had offered to take transport, but were now regretting it. Any person could tell by the high pitched chatter that every single child was eager to depart for Stratford.

When the teacher, Mr Murphy, gave the signal to leave, a tide of kids rushed out the door, bee-lining for the cars. Soon an entourage of vehicles left for Stratford, turning onto South Road in the direction of New Plymouth.

What felt like eons later, we pulled into Stratford, a comfortable little township half an hour out of New Plymouth. King Edward's Park, Malone Gate was our rendezvous point, so when we were all assembled outside, we began the long walk to the laboratory. After only a few minutes had gone past, we were walking beside endless shops and houses, children started regretting coming,





Over the last few weeks Bena Denton (An Omata parent and owner of GreenBridge Design & Implementation) has been going around the classes talking with the children and gathering all their ideas for the Omata Orchard. Having taken these ideas on board, Bena created three possible designs for the orchard. These designs were then taken back to the children, and as a class, each design was discussed and then voted on. Once feedback is received from all the children, staff and BOT, a final orchard design will be drawn up. A huge thank-you to Bena and to GreenBridge Design & Implementation for all the time, effort and knowledge that has gone into this project. Also a big thank you to all the businesses who have donated money and resources to ensuring this project comes to fruition (excuse the pun!). If you are in the Omata area and would be interested in helping to support this project, please contact the Omata School office on 06 751 2308.



Year 5/6 Inter-School Sports

Well done to the Year 5/6 inter-school teams who competed in the recent sports exchange with Westown School.

The results were;

Rugby Westown won 65 - 48.

Football Omata won 12 - 0

Netball Omata won 13 - 11

Stuart Bennett

Acting Principal



Greetings to our Coastal, Oakura and Omata Communities

Co-constructing Learning

Students in partnership with their parents and their teachers have been reviewing learning progress to date. Individual Development Plan Meetings and Report Evenings have been held to assist students take ownership of their learning and its link to their future learning and career plans and goals.

As a guideline we would expect that at this stage of the year:

Year 11 students would have 30 credits toward NCEA Level 1 including having half of their required Literacy and Numeracy credits.

Year 12 students would have 40 plus credits toward NCEA Level 2 and would be on track to gaining their Literacy requirements for UE.

Year 13 students should also be approaching the halfway mark toward their NCEA Level 3.

Students seeking to gain Merit or Excellence Endorsement for their NCEA should know where they are at toward that goal and what else they may have to do to achieve that aim.

In the Junior school we are wanting to improve levels of literacy to ensure students are able to access the learning required for NCEA. We are focussing on developing literacy skills through English and Social Studies. Teachers are undergoing Professional Learning in the use of effective literacy strategies within these subject areas.

Vocational Pathway Endorsements

To help grow and develop an educated workforce we need to ensure that all young people have the skills and competencies to progress into tertiary education, training and work.

Approximately 70% of school leavers across the country do not enter degree level study. Vocational Pathway Endorsements allow students to gain part or whole industry qualifications within one of more of the six Vocational pathway Sectors.

Endorsements demonstrate that students have broad knowledge and relevant skills for the vocational sector of their choice.

Spotswood College had a very successful number of senior students (Year 12 and 13) achieve a Vocational Pathways sector endorsement in 2016.

In total Spotswood had 79 endorsements achieved. The data below shows in what sectors of the Vocational Pathways framework students met the criteria of achieving 60 credits from the recommended pathways sector, including at least 20 from the sector-related standards in that same sector.

40 Hour Famine

Once again we have a large group of students committed to helping others through the 40 Hour Famine fund raising

programme. A most successful quiz night was held in week 6 raising over \$1,600. With the help of Mrs Tran-Lawrence students organised, administered and led the quiz. Money from the 40 Hour Famine will go toward providing learning resources and materials for Syrian Children in refugee camps. We applaud the work of our 40 Hour Famine Group!

Property Update

Framing for our new Learning Centre is up giving shape and perspective to this new facility that is due to be opened in February 2018.

Concept designs for both our new Gymnasium and Science Block have been approved; the Gymnasium will open Term II 2018 and the Science Block will be completed for the start of the 2019 school year.

The Common Room being moved for the construction of the Learning Centre.



Secondary Schooling – 2018

Moving into Secondary Education is an exciting and challenging time for Year 8 students. Our school recognizes the importance of this transition in life and we are very keen to work with you to make the change smoothly and with high levels of support.

We have a Year 8 – 9 transition programme that includes: Year 8 class visits during Term II to experience teaching and learning at Spotswood College.

A group of 2017 Year 9 students visiting Year 8 students early in Term III to share experiences of their first year at secondary school.

An opportunity for students and their parents to find out about our school on our Open Night on Thursday August 10.

Should you have any queries regarding enrolments for 2018 please contact us through our school office, visit our website, come in and talk with us.

As always thank you for your support of our students and our school.

Nga Mihi Maioha

Mark Bowden Principal



Another great month of surf although we are starting to feel the effects of winter. The water remains at a tolerable temperature though and there are still crowds appearing when the surf is good. This month's segment is a bit of a club update and news broadcast.

At present the club is chipping away at new funding options for potential club upgrades and refining our systems for coaching the large summer groups we are seeing.

We have seen a big improvement and our Groms are surfing really well! As a club it's important we find ways to offer and better our services all the time. Those kids that competed for the club and school had huge success rates across the board so we are really seeing progression.

It's so great to see them together as a community of kids in the ocean having fun. We are still running programmes for the kids throughout winter. Our advanced group are in the water and will carry on through to summer. However we'd like to include a separate all girl group into these lessons.

If your daughter(s) would like to be part of an all girls team please contact us to register, there is NO charge but it is limited to the girls who can paddle alone and catch green water waves. The programme will include fitness and approach to surfing so not "in water" training every week. Lessons will be held on a Sunday at this stage with two very talented female coaches.

So far we've held some of our club champs but have other divisions to run. We will do this when we have a window suitable with weather and waves. It gets hard this time of year with winter sports but we will run it regardless when the window is right.

The Super 8 Winter Surf series starts late July in Taranaki so if you're keen to compete jump on Surfing Taranaki FB for details!

The club mid-winter dinner will be on soon and we've decided to mix it up a little this year and keep it local - stay tuned for details, always a good night.

Ben Hurley (Comedian) is performing on Saturday the 19th of August at Oakura Memorial Hall. The show starts at 7pm and is BYO. We can meet and enjoy the show then gather at the club for snacks and music afterward. There are 200 seats available but it's probably a good idea to buy sooner than later. It's general admission. These nights are always memorable so make sure you get involved.

Buy your tickets from The Crafty Fox (next to the BP) - 06 7527291

We are still tracking forward with the skatepark. There have been so many hurdles but we are starting to see the end (perhaps..)

NPDC will hopefully be able to confirm the funding they had previously granted by the end of this month. It is looking positive but we are still in a position of uncertainty.

However this does not guarantee that we have enough funding to cover all the costs. So if you haven't yet made a financial donation please do so asap - big or small it all makes a difference in the end.. We are nearly there!!

<https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/oakuracommunityskatepark>

Some time ago we sent out a sponsorship brief offering everyone the opportunity to be a sponsor of Oakura Boardriders.

Sponsorship will enable us to run with far less reliance on outside funders. Ideally we'd like to be self-supportive or at least improve on what we currently have available. Currently we run purely on volunteers but with exponential growth it is looking like we'll need paid help in some areas.

Please take some time to read the sponsorship brief and come back to us. A copy is available to anyone interested and has been sent to all members. A big thank you to those that have already come back to us. Once we have a reasonable list gathered we'll arrange a suitable time to meet as a team and decide a path forward.

If anyone needs to talk through any ideas or problems with club we are always approachable.

The club AGM is coming around in August and there will be the election of new officials and the committee, please put your hand up if you are keen to be involved.

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Do you want to be part of a girls team? Free fitness training and lessons for those who can paddle alone and catch green water waves - you too may become the next Ariana.





Course News

If you have been out to Kaitake lately you will see some changes the new Course Committee are making. Bunkers at the edge of the 9th and 18th greens are the first to take your eye. Interesting concept, the sand used is recycled glass donated by DB Breweries. Signs of new tee boxes are starting to appear. All these changes will challenge the members.

Hole In One. How many of you have had a hole in one at Kaitake? It seems to be a regular event just this year as we have had three so far. Congratulations to the following members: Craig Farrant 8th April 7th hole, Geoff Andrews 3rd June 16th hole, David Jennings 10th June 4th hole.

The Raceway Cycles Canadian Foursomes event attracted a field of 62 players with 24 non golfers. This was the first of the mixed pairs competitions for the year.

The Nett winners were Clay Jordon and Joy Greenlees

The Gross winners were Darryl and Fay.

1st Prize for the Non golfers – Simon and Anna

Club Results

Men's Division

Congratulations to Noel Belcher who was the winner of the Presidents Trophy. Also congratulations to Kaitake Top Dog winners Doug Mulholland and Neil Farrant.

Women's Division

The winner of the Kaitake Women's 27 hole competition was Jo George. Jo is one of our newer players and was delighted to be the winner. Congratulations Jo.

The Taranaki Weekend Womens Pennant competition has been completed. After starting well, the Kaitake Weekend Women let some chances slip by and ended up finishing in the middle of the leader-board. Everyone is looking forward to 2018 to challenge the lead

9 Hole Round Up

Congratulations first up to Top Dog winners Pat Wilcox and Shirley Aspinall -this pairing only just managed to take the match on the last hole over Christine Alexander and Chrissy Warden. Awesome result and well done to both partnerships. (Note here that Shirley is featuring quite regularly in our group - way to go Shirley). Whilst this was running we ran a non-Top Dog Stableford comp -best 2 rounds of 3 went to Jo W-West of the 1st Division with 37 points and Yvonne Hildred of the 2nd with 27. Last month we welcomed life member and past 18 hole member Marie Benton. Marie is excited to be playing alongside some of her friends of old who have made the transition over to 9 holes and also the rest of the 9 holers who she is gradually getting to know.

Full House Winners - a fabulous game and so much fun - 1st Division with 24 Points Jo W-West and 2nd Division Val Soffe also with 24 points. - (2pts points each for 1st on the green, 1st to putt and 1st to hole out).

Pennant Update - in the final stages now and both teams vying for a place on the podium. Blue team sitting on 9 points

whilst the teams taking top spot on 11 points are Urenui and Manukorihi. White team being the only team to have conquered Urenui have 7 points. So with 2 rounds to go we shall continue with Go White and Go Blue!!

Chippers (Children 5 – 12 years)

More kids are looking to give golf a go and the numbers are steadily growing. The other week 14 excited chippers got to test out using clubs for chipping and putting as well as their drivers for the long game. There was a lot of laughter and obvious signs of having fun

Dominic Barson had 12 chippers at his recent monthly coaching session. Taranaki Golf Assoc has funding to provide extra coaching and support to clubs with junior members. Dominic comes out once a month.

The chippers group meet every second Sunday between 9.00am – 11am for coaching and a few holes of golf.

Membership fee is \$40 for the year that also includes access to play on the course with an adult. The club have sets of clubs the children can borrow. Come as you are - casual dress shoes a hat and a drink of water.

Follow us on Facebook for more information or phone Denise in the office, Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Phone 7525667





*Chippers out on the green with Dominic Barson above and previous page bottom right.
Previous page Craig Farrant with his Hole in One trophy.*

Oakura Tennis Club

The tennis season wrapped up with the recent Taranaki Tennis Association Awards night held at Decanta. For a small club we had a strong presence at rep level with certificates given to the following junior rep players from our club: Daniel Lewis, Sammy Lewis, Chester Oldfield, Anna Oldfield, Robbie White, Lachie White, Cooper Ferguson, Fletcher Ferguson, Adam Bridges, Beth Tverdich, Taylor Mitchell and Jack Mitchell.

Senior Rep players included: Miaana Walden, Sue Oldfield, Jaime Simpson, Brady Simpson, Bailey Bruckner, Jack Mitchell and Taylor Mitchell.

Daniel Lewis was the junior Grand Prix 10's age group winner for having the highest ranked points and volunteer of the year went to Graeme Mitchell for his contribution at Oakura club level – organising and installing the new reinforced fence and wind cloth and involvement with Taranaki Tennis and rep events.

Miaana, Graeme and Jaimee were also part of the Taranaki Team that won the Hexangular tournament in Wellington and a large silver trophy! In pool play Taranaki won all their games beating Kapi Mana and Manawatu and then taking on Wellington in the final and beating them to secure the win.

The recent run of good weather has seen keen locals continuing to utilise the courts, Monday mornings there is a casual hit for anyone keen and the cardio group are still going strong over winter when it's not raining on a Thursday morning!

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